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REMARKS

Claims 28,29, 52-69, 71-90 are pending in this case. On the Official Action Summary Sheet, the Examiner states that claims 28, 29 and 53-80 are pending. Applicant believes that claim 52 should be included in the pending claims. Claim 70 has been canceled. Claims 81-90 have been added. Support for these claims is found in claims 55-62. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Applicants submit that inventorship has not been changed by the amendments to the claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 55-62, 70 and 74 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Claims 55-62 and 70 have been objected to because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. Claim 70 has been canceled. Claims 55-62 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency and claims 81-90 have been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggested grammatical correction to claim 74. The correction has been made in the claim.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 67, 68, 71, 72, 75 and 76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

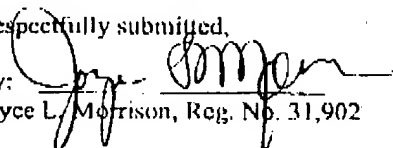
Claim 67 and its dependent claim 68 were rejected for insufficient antecedent basis for the expression "said list". Applicants have changed the term to "said set" in claim 67 to comply with antecedent basis requirements.

Claim 71 and its dependent claim 72 were rejected for claim 71 being dependent upon itself. Dependency has been corrected to make claim 71 dependent upon claim 70. Claims 75 and 76 have incorrect dependency. Both claims have been corrected to depend from claim 74.

Applicants submit that in light of the above-amendments and arguments, the claims are now in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is respectfully solicited. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (626) 737-8019.

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